

THEY LEARNED HOW PENDLETON REGARDED DR. SMITH ON MAY 12

Greatest Mass Meeting of City Did Honor to Demo- cratic Nominee.

DETRACTORS SHOWN UP

Pendleton's Answer to Attacks by Port-
land Oregonians Consisted in Show-
ing of Confidence in Smith.

By M. R. Chessman, City Editor The
East Oregonian.

Unimpeachable proof of the high re-
gard in which Dr. C. J. Smith is held
by the people of his old home town
and the faith they have in him was
furnished on the evening of May 12 of
this year when, to the number of 800
or 700, they packed the Oregon theatre
to welcome him back among them and
to testify to the place he holds in
their hearts.

The meeting was almost an im-
promptu one, only a day's notice hav-
ing been given of it, but it was, never-
theless, the largest campaign gather-
ing Pendleton had seen in a decade, if
not in her history. It was called as
a vindication of Dr. Smith of the false
charges made against him by political
enemies in an effort to discredit him
in his own party. At that time he was
a candidate for the Democratic nomi-
nation for governor, which nomi-
nation he secured at the primaries a
short time later.

At the time certain papers, notably
the Portland Oregonian, were devoting
a great deal of space to the former
Pendleton physician in a campaign of
misrepresentation, misinformation and
vilification. One of the specific
charges made against him was that,
while mayor of Pendleton in 1898, he
protected organized vice and conducted
a wide open town. This charge, and
others which they felt to be equally
unjust, was what prompted the people
of Pendleton to rise up and express
their estimate of the man who had
made his home among them for a quar-
ter of a century and who, as doctor,
citizen, mayor, member of the school
board and senator, had played an im-
portant part in the life and progress
of the city and county.

Dr. Smith was summoned from
Portland, to which city he moved from
Pendleton a few years ago, and from
the time of his arrival until his de-
parture he was the man of the hour.
Several hundred townspeople were at
the train to meet him and escort him
through the streets, and the short
walk to his hotel was alone sufficient
to assure him of the loyalty of Pen-
dleton, for almost every man and wo-
man he met stopped to shake his hand
and pledge his personal support.

Shortly after 8 o'clock in the eve-
ning, the big auditorium of the Oregon
theatre was filled and not a seat was
vacated until the chairman announced
that the meeting was adjourned. Men
and women of every station, age and
political faith were numbered in the
audience. On the platform with him
were leading Democrats and not a few
Republicans, men and women, pioneers
of the early sixties and young men and
women who but a few years ago re-
ceived high school diplomas from the
hand of Dr. Smith. There were doc-
tors, lawyers, farmers, laboring men,
merchants and housewives assembled
about the chief figure of the meeting
or down in the audience before him.

And there was one figure on the
stage that looked up above all the
rest. It was that of Mayor W. F.
Mallock, since deceased, who had been
quoted in the Oregonian to the effect
that Dr. Smith as mayor had favored
an open town. He denied having given
any such interview and, further to
repudiate it, he took his stand, crippled
though he was, behind the substan-
tial candidate and, supported by
his crutches, stood there throughout
the evening as evidence of his loyalty
and sympathy, a striking refutation
of the statements credited to him.

Before the doctor was called upon
to address his former townspeople,
men who had known him intimately
for many years, arose and gave their
testimony as to his high moral charac-
ter, his splendid record as a public
official, to his efficiency, his high-
mindedness, his courage, his honesty,
his energy and his generosity. And
when, after Dr. Smith had finished his
address, E. J. Murphy, former mayor
and present club chairman, arose from
the rear of the house and moved that
it was the sense of the meeting that
the campaign made against him by a
portion of the state press was slan-
derous and without foundation in fact,
the motion carried with a roar of ap-
plause. Not a single voice answered the
call for the negative and the hush that
followed the call was followed in turn
by a thunderous applause. It was
Pendleton's answer to the charge that
she had forsaken her former mayor in
his race for the highest office in the
state, an answer that was supported
by an overwhelming majority of votes
at the primaries.

The first man to pay his tribute to
Dr. Smith was W. W. Harrah, presi-
dent farmer who is chairman of the
Law Enforcement League organized
during the recent anti-gambling cam-
paign. He was followed by A. W. Nye,

SMITH IS EARNEST WORKER FOR IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT



Irrigation Scenes at Tumalo Project, Eastern Oregon.

To Dr. C. J. Smith more than to
any other man in Eastern Oregon
credit is due for the fact the United
States government is at work on the
West Umatilla irrigation project—an
enterprise of importance, not merely
to Eastern Oregon, but to Portland as
well, because the district is within
Portland's trade zone.

As chairman of a committee ap-
pointed by the Pendleton Commercial
club, Dr. Smith worked for many
months to get the government to look
with favor upon this project which
had been recommended by the reclam-
ation service. The original West Uma-
tilla project called for the watering
of 79,000 acres of land at an expense
of \$4,000,000. Owing to various ob-
stacles it was impossible for the gov-
ernment to take up the entire project,
but actual work on the first unit is
now underway, and it is the expecta-
tion that 20,000 acres will be reclaimed
before the work is stopped.

There are few public men in the
state more thoroughly informed than
Dr. Smith on the subject of irrigation.
He was himself a pioneer in irriga-
tion activity. He knew from first
hand information the conditions exist-
ing before the government took up its
work in the state. He has watched
the development of the Umatilla and
other projects from the start. He
knows the settlers and what they have
had to face. He knows the difference
between theoretical and practical

reclamation. All this is knowledge of
decided importance when it is consid-
ered that irrigation in Eastern Ore-
gon is but well started and in view

of the work the state is carrying on in
Central Oregon.

Smith," she said. "That is my own
humble opinion, and it is not formed
from any hearsay evidence. I first
met Dr. Smith more than 24 years ago,
and since that time I have had a
pretty close acquaintance with him.
I regard him as one of the biggest
men I have known, biggest in mind
and biggest in heart. With him at the
helm of state, the old ship would have
a safe and prosperous voyage."

Another strong indorsement comes
from Mrs. Elizabeth Knowlton, an-
other pioneer Republican woman of
Athena.

"I have known Dr. C. J. Smith for
a period of 23 years," she said, "and I
have known him well enough to have
a definite opinion of his character.
In private life he has been a clean-
living, hard-working citizen, and as a
public official has been honest, ener-
getic and capable. During his long
residence in Umatilla county he was
a strong factor in its life, and I never
knew him to be identified with a move-
ment that was not progressive, nor do
I believe there was a progressive
movement that did not number him
among its champions. I believe he
would make the state of Oregon one
of the best governed in her history
and I am going to do all I can to put
him in that office."

Mrs. Dave Taylor, who has been a
resident of the county since its youth,
subscribes to a high tribute to the
worth of Dr. Smith. "He was one of
the most high-minded citizens Uma-
tilla county ever had," she said the
other day, "and it was a big loss
when he moved away. But if he is
elected governor of the state, as I be-
lieve he will be, I will feel that the
county's loss has become the state's
gain."

Mrs. F. W. Long, who has known
Dr. Smith since her earliest infancy,
has joined the Smith forces, even
though she has always considered
herself a staunch Republican. "I know
that Dr. Smith is a man of extraordi-
nary ability. I know that he is honest,
sincere and energetic, and I have an
unbounded faith in him. Why shouldn't
I support him then?" she said.

These are only some of the expres-
sions of confidence in Dr. Smith from
the women of Athena, and it is safe
to predict that the great majority of
the women of the county will sub-
scribe to the sentiments with their
votes at the November election.

COUNTRY WOMEN ARE FOR DR. SMITH; HAVE REASONS FOR FAITH

Athena Matron, a Friend for
25 Years, Though Repub-
lican, Staunch Supporter.

BIG IN MIND AND HEART

Just a Few Expressions That Show
the Warmth of Feeling in Uma-
tilla County for Dr. Smith.

It is not from Pendleton alone that
Dr. C. J. Smith derives his strong
Umatilla county support. Because he
was quite as well known in every
community in the county as he was in
Pendleton during his long residence
here, he has hundreds of loyal
friends from Umatilla to Kamela and
from Milton to Ukiah working to pro-
mote his candidacy.

Athena is one community that is
working zealously to give Dr. Smith
a winning vote. Republicans as well
as Democrats, women as well as men,
having rallied to his standard there.
The women, in particular, are cham-
pioning his candidacy for, judging
from their voluntary expressions, they
have a deep and abiding faith in him.
One of the most typical statements
in his behalf was made recently by
Mrs. Jane Howell Nelson, who is,
probably the oldest living pioneer of
Umatilla county. She has known Dr.
Smith for more than 24 years, knew
him in fact before he came to Pendle-
ton, when he was in Walla Walla prac-
tising with Dr. Blalock. Though a
Republican in political faith, she is
strong for the Democratic candidate.

A Friend of 24 Years.
"If the people of Oregon want a man
with intelligence enough to know the
right, honesty enough to stand for
the right, courage enough to fight for
the right and strength enough to win
for the right, they will elect Dr.

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GENUINE TRIBUTE PAID SMITH WHEN HE LEFT PENDLETON

Politics Dropped to Give Hon- est Praise for Great Serv- ice and Character.

OLD OPPONENTS JOINED

Commercial Club Gave Function and
Adopted Resolutions of Regret—
Silver Card Case Memento.

Shortly before Dr. Smith gave up
his residence in Pendleton two years
ago a luncheon was given him in his
honor and in honor of T. C. Taylor,
who was also leaving the city at that
time. It was by the managing board
of the Pendleton Commercial club,
and though an impromptu affair, will
always stand as a memorable occasion
in the history of Pendleton. It was
attended by political opponents as well
as personal friends of the two men,
and all united in a generous tribute
to the two departing citizens. In
token of the esteem in which Messrs.
Smith and Taylor were held by the
Commercial club each man was pre-
sented with a beautiful silver Masonic
card case.

J. F. Robinson, then president of
the Commercial club, officiated as
toastmaster, and talks were made by
such men as Colonel J. H. Haley, J.
P. Winter, G. M. Rice, Leon Cohen,
R. Alexander, W. L. Thompson, H. J.
Taylor, Dr. F. W. Vincent, Lot Liver-
more and J. S. Landers. Dr. Smith
was portrayed by the speakers as hav-
ing been one of the strong men of
Pendleton and Umatilla county and as
having rendered invaluable service to
the city and county and to eastern
Oregon. Genuine regret over his going
away was expressed and resolutions
were passed expressing such senti-
ments and warmly thanking the two
men for their long services to the
community.

So moved were the two men with
the warmth of the friendship shown
them that it was difficult for them to
respond when called upon to talk.
Mr. Taylor, though an experienced
public speaker and ex-president of the
state senate, was completely overcome
and could not speak. Dr. Smith rose
to talk with tears in his eyes, and
earnestly thanked his fellow townsmen
for the honor bestowed upon him.
He said in the course of his remarks
that his chief pride as far as Umatilla
county was concerned, was not in the
public work he had done, in the offices
he had held, nor the money he had
made, but in the fact that as a doctor
he had been present at the time of the
arrival in this world of 2000 little
babies. "You know how I feel about
it, because many of you who are now
here were often near at hand on those
occasions."

DR. SMITH CAN FARM SUCCESSFULLY; IS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

President of Law Enforce- ment League is Candidate's Pendleton Leader.

A FEARLESS GOVERNOR

By W. W. Harrah, Member of the State
Executive Board, Farmers' Educa-
tional and Cooperative Union, Presi-
dent Pendleton Law Enforcement
League, President Pendleton Men's
Smith-for-Governor Club.

The two things about Dr. C. J. Smith
that appeal to me most forcibly are
that he is a practical farmer, and he
is a man who stands for the enforcement
of the laws of this state. I am a farmer
myself, and I am a law enforcement
man. I will first take up the farming
subject.

Dr. Smith has used the most progres-
sive methods, employed the best farm-
ers, and obtained good results from all
his farming operations. Instead of
spending money on his farms and need-
ing appropriations to keep them going,
they have been netting him good re-
turns on his investment. Dr. Smith
believes in all modern methods, and
especially in machine and horse power,
instead of man power. One man with
eight horses is able to produce eight
times as much as one man with one
horse or with a hoe. Being one of the
pioneer farmers of Umatilla county, Dr.
Smith has helped to build up one of the
best farming communities in the United
States, this small wheat belt produc-
ing 1 per cent of the wheat of the na-
tion.

Champion of Open River.
Dr. Smith is firmly alive to all mod-
ern transportation problems. He advo-
cates good roads in all their forms. He
has appeared before the Farmers'
Union at their state meetings, advocat-
ing the open river and improving the
ports of the Columbia. Through open-
ing the Columbia from the Dalles to
Portland, the freight rate on grain was
reduced 40 per cent, and a greater sav-
ing was made on shipments inland.
With the opening of the Celilo canal
and the establishment of boat lines on
the river, these being met by hard sur-
face roads from the interior, we expect
to make a still greater saving by haul-
ing commodities by auto trucks, and
later, when power is developed on the
river, by electrifying the lines.

At different times, through the
Farmers' Union's efforts at marketing
wheat, Dr. Smith has been of service
in obtaining reductions in railroad freight
rates, Pendleton, Walla Walla and Spo-
kane working in conjunction. When
the farmers of Umatilla county, several
years ago, sought to secure a lower
freight rate on wheat by appealing to
the railroad commission, Dr. Smith
took active part in the move and put
up money along with the rest of us to
employ attorneys to secure the reduc-
tions.

Dr. Smith was an advocate and a
member of the first rural telephone
company in Umatilla county, and at
one time he materially helped the farm-
ers to secure a reduction in rates from
the Bell Telephone Co. from \$2.50 a
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Exceptional Man Says Old Pioneer

Honesty of Purpose and Broad Sym- pathy Classed as Among the Leading Characteristics of Nominee.

BY DAVID TAYLOR, PIONEER RESIDENT UMATILLA COUNTY.

"I am not a man given to active par-
ticipation in politics but if I can say
anything that will help elect Dr. C.
J. Smith as governor of Oregon, I feel
it my duty, both to him and to the
state. To him, because he has been a
helpful friend for 25 years, and to the
state because I feel that he is endowed
with the qualities that would make
an administration with him as its head
a wise one. As doctor, business man,
private citizen and public official I
have known him and he has never been
found wanting. His wonderful capac-
ity for work, his keen mind, his hon-
esty of purpose, his broad sympathies
and his fighting heart make a combi-
nation hard to find all in one man.
But that is what Dr. Smith is, an ex-
ceptional man and one fitted to be
the chief executive of any common-
wealth."

Smith Is Farmer and Knows Their Needs From Practical Standpoint